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WILLIAM "JOE" HUDNALL: IN MEMORIAM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of a dedicated law enforcement officer, Deputy William "Joe" Hudnall of the Kern County Sheriff's Department. For the past 9 years, Deputy Hudnall worked tirelessly to provide the citizens of Kern County with safety and service. On the evening of November 14, 2006, Deputy Hudnall's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty when a vehicle driven by a suspected drunk driver struck his patrol vehicle on Highway 178 near Kernville.

Deputy Hudnall graduated from the Kern County Sheriff's Department Academy and began his career at the pretrial section of Lerdo Jail. In nearly a decade of service to the department, he also worked at the Frazier Park substation and Metro Patrol before moving to the Kern Valley substation. Throughout his career, Deputy Hudnall demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a respected and model member of the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Hudnall's colleagues shall always remember him for his professionalism and devotion to serving the public.

Deputy Hudnall is survived by his wife Carrie and four children. When he was not on duty or spending time with his beloved family, Deputy Hudnall was an avid fisherman who also enjoyed working in his yard. Deputy Hudnall served Kern County with honor and dignity, and fulfilled his oath as deputy sheriff officer. His contributions to law enforcement and the many lives that he touched will serve as a shining example of his legacy.

We shall always be grateful for Deputy Hudnall's service and the valor that he displayed while serving and protecting the people of Kern County.●

JEFFREY MITCHELL: IN MEMORIAM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor the memory of a dedicated public servant, Sacramento County sheriff's deputy Jeffrey Mitchell. For 9 years, Deputy Mitchell devoted his life to protecting the citizens of Sacramento County. On October 27, 2006, Deputy Mitchell was tragically killed in the line of duty.

Upon graduation from Westmont High School in 1986, Jeffrey Mitchell joined the U.S. Air Force and served as a security officer for 5 years. After leaving the Air Force, he earned a teaching credential at California State University, Sacramento, and taught as a substitute teacher at local schools. His talent, passion, and humor dealing

with students, coupled with his dedication to education, made him a natural teacher in the classroom.

In 1997, Jeffrey Mitchell chose to continue his public service and joined the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. He brought with him the same good-natured spirit that he exhibited in his previous professions to his new career in law enforcement. Jeffrey Mitchell served as the recreational technician at Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center in Elk Grove and was promoted to deputy in 2002.

Deputy Mitchell's family, friends, and colleagues all remember his infectious smile and kind heart. He is survived by his wife Crystal, son Jake, and sister Kim Gervasoni. Deputy Mitchell was a devoted family man who chose to work the overnight shift so he could pick his son up from school and prepare dinner for his wife when she arrived home from work. He shared his love of sports with Jake and coached his T-ball team.

Deputy Jeffrey Mitchell served the County of Sacramento with honor and distinction and fulfilled his oath as a deputy sheriff. His contributions and dedication to public safety are greatly appreciated and will serve as a shining legacy to his service.

We will always be grateful for Deputy Mitchell's exemplary service and the sacrifices he made.●

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH TERWILLIGER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of an extraordinary Californian, Elizabeth Terwilliger.

To the Marin County community, Elizabeth Terwilliger was a renowned naturalist and educator, beloved by school children and adults, who leaves an amazing environmental legacy. She died on November 27, 2006, at the age of 97. She is survived by her daughter Lynn, her son John, and several grandchildren.

Elizabeth Cooper was born in Hawaii in 1909. She moved to the mainland to pursue a master's degree in nutrition from Columbia University in New York and then attended Stanford nursing school. While at Stanford, she met her husband, Dr. Calvin Terwilliger. After World War II, the couple settled in Mill Valley, CA, where they raised two children.

Elizabeth took her children on nature walks throughout Marin County. Soon, she was leading nature walks for local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. Her unique hands-on style and storytelling ability became known throughout the community, and soon she began leading field trips for area schools and environmental organizations. Leading such trips 5 days a week became her life's work.

For the 50 years that followed, every child growing up in Marin County knew Mrs. Terwilliger. She was a fa-

mous and beloved educator who traveled across the county in her familiar van filled with life-like animal models to teach school children about nature. Upon sight of her characteristic floppy straw hat, children would come running and follow her through the woods with excitement and adoration. They would soak up her stories and bring them home to teach their parents.

Those who knew Mrs. Terwilliger well recount her mesmerizing personality, her passion for nature and wildlife, and her openhearted way with children and adults alike.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan honored Mrs. Terwilliger as an outstanding volunteer. While accepting the award at the White House, she shared one of her famous stories about "Mr. Vulture" and had President Reagan holding his arms over his head in the "V" position, representing a vulture in flight.

In addition to leading nature education programs, Mrs. Terwilliger was an advocate for environmental conservation and open space. She campaigned for a monarch butterfly preserve, bicycle paths, wetlands, and open space preservation. She received numerous awards and has two preserves named after her: Terwilliger Marsh in Mill Valley and Terwilliger Grove in Muir Woods.

She founded the Elizabeth Terwilliger Nature Education Center, which later became known as WildCare. Using educational programs developed by Mrs. Terwilliger, the center provides nature programs for over 40,000 Bay Area school children each year. The center also treats thousands of wildlife each year, rehabilitating them and returning them to their natural environment.

Mrs. Terwilliger often said, "While you're learning, you're living." Her life's passion was to teach people how to embrace and love nature. She was a local treasure and a wonderful, inspiring woman.

I knew Mrs. Terwilliger and respected and admired her greatly. She will be deeply missed.

For those of us who were fortunate to know her, we take comfort in knowing that school children will continue to learn from Mrs. Terwilliger's unique educational style at WildCare. Her vision, her passion, and her spirit will remain in the countless lives she touched.●

TRIBUTE TO THE RABBIT HASH GENERAL STORE

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the Rabbit Hash General Store on its 175th anniversary. The Rabbit Hash General Store has continuously operated relatively unchanged in the town of Rabbit Hash, KY, since 1831.

For 175 years, the Rabbit Hash General Store has been a meeting place for the local community where citizens of Rabbit Hash have come together. The